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Application No.: Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of U.S. Patent Application  
Serial No. 10/387,478, filed March 14, 2003

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR STORAGE APPARATUS IN WHICH  
DIFFERENT ERASE COMMANDS ARE  
SEQUENTIALLY SENT TO A PLURALITY OF  
NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORIES  
(As Amended)

Art Group of Parent: 2187

Examiner of Parent: G. A. Gossage

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98**

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with the following citation as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(d).

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Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A which list documents cited in parent applications Serial No. 10/387,478, filed March 14, 2003, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/879,960, filed June 14, 2001, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/706,843, filed on November 7, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,457,092), which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/006,486 filed on

January 13, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,145,050), which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/669,914 filed on June 25, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,809,515), which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/079,550, filed June 22, 1993 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,530,828), the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference. In addition, as another line of copendency, the present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/387, filed March 14, 2003, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/132,322, filed April 26, 2002, which is a continuation of Serial no. 09/706,843, filed on November 7, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,457,092), which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/006,486, filed on January 13, 1998 (now U.S. Patent 6,145,050) which is a continuation of application No. 08/669,914, filed on June 25, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,809,515), which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/079,550, filed June 22, 1993 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,530,828), the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 566.32253CC8).

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